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Good Afternoon,

The Iowa Finance Authority is inviting public and stakeholder comments on a draft proposed application, attached, for the 2020 & 2021 Iowa Statewide Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Shelter Assistance Fund (SAF). Comments are invited by Friday, May 31, 2019, and may be sent to [amber.lewis@iowafinance.com](mailto:amber.lewis@iowafinance.com).

Proposed changes include:

- A two-year competition for both 2020 and 2021, with awards the second year based on meeting certain conditions.
- Some changes to make it possible for a new agency to be eligible. This includes changes to the requirement for audited or reviewed financial statements. The eligible point total for new agencies (agencies that do not have financial statements and do not have an HMIS or DVIMS data report for the 2018 calendar year) would be lower than for experienced agencies (88 possible points rather than 100), resulting in a lower eligible award amount.
- Some additional points for new agencies that demonstrate a partnership to learn from an experienced (mentor) agency.
- Some additional points for experienced agencies that demonstrate a partnership to assist and train a new (mentee) agency.
- Formatting changes such as eliminating one application section and moving some of the previous questions in that section to other sections to improve the eventual scoring process (some sections entirely auto-scored and other sections scored manually).
- Budget requests that won't include Admin or Data Collection; instead agencies will have the option of adding in the eligible percentages of these later on after award.
- Other updates throughout.

Sincerely,  
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